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TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT
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FROM: RICHARD T. KENNEDY

ATTACHED IS A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR PRESIDENT AFTER MEETING
WITH SPINOLA AS REQUESTED BY DAVE GERGEN.

QUOTE:

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
FOLLOWING MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT SPINOLA, THE AZORES
JUNE 19, 1974

I HAVE WELCOMED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PAUSE IN THE AZORES TO REST
AND REFUEL EN ROUTE HOME FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. IN PARTICULAR, I AM
VERY PLEASED THAT THE NEW PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL, PRESIDENT SPINOLA
(SPEE-NOLA), AND I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO MEET EACH
OTHER AND TO REVIEW, HOWEVER BRIEFLY, A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST.

OUR CONVERSATION ALLOWED FOR A GOOD REVIEW OF MY VISITS JUST
CONCLUDED TO THE SEVERAL MIDDLE EASTERN CAPITALS -- TO CAIRO, JIDDA,
DAMASCUS, TEL AVIV AND AMMAN -- AND OF THE VERY POSITIVE RESULTS OF
MY MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS THERE. PRESIDENT SPINOLA AND I FULLY
AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST -- IN PART BECAUSE OF THE VERY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION
THAT SUCH PROGRESS IS MAKING TO THE PROSPECTS FOR GREATER INTER-
NATIONAL ORDER AND STABILITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE QUEST FOR PEACE AND GREATER STABILITY, OF COURSE, IS A GOAL
WHICH PORTUGAL AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE AS MEMBERS OF THE NORTH
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. AS THIS WAS MY FIRST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
SPINOLA, I WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE
THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO PORTUGAL'S CONTINUING CONTRI-
BUTIONS TO NATO AND, IN THIS CONTEXT, TO WESTERN SECURITY. AND, I

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WAS PLEASED BY PRESIDENT SPINOLA'S ASSURANCES THAT PORTUGAL LOOKS
FORWARD TO CONTINUING COOPERATION IN THE WORK OF THE ALLIANCE.
IN THIS CONNECTION, I MIGHT ADD, WE NOTED THAT THE NATO FOREIGN MINIS
TERS
ARE CURRENTLY MEETING IN OTTAWA AND HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION MATTERS
OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF THE ALLIANCE.

FINALLY, I EXTENDED MY THANKS AND THOSE OF MRS. NIXON AND OUR
PARTY TO PRESIDENT SPINOLA FOR THE VERY PLEASANT STAY WE HAVE HAD
HERE. THIS IS NOT MY FIRST VISIT TO THE AZORES. AS YOU KNOW,
I WAS HERE IN 1971. WITH EACH VISIT WE HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPRESSED
BY THE CHARM AND HOSPITALITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK AGAIN
ONE DAY.

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